

TITLE: METHOD OF A DOSED APPLICATION OF A LIQUID ONTO A SURFACE



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5-13-5***RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2004, the time for reply having been extended to March 22, 2005 by petition and payment of the appropriate fee, Applicant provides a 37 C.F.R. §1.131 declaration of prior invention.

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, and 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon et al. (2003/0092195). Moon is a continuation of application No. 09/156,507 filed on September 17, 1998. Applicant conceived and reduced the claimed invention to practice prior to the filing of the Moon et al. application.

Submitted herewith is a declaration by inventor Robert Moerman under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 stating that he conceived and tested a method of a dosed application of